

Building A Resilient Taunton Together- MVP & Hazzard Mitigation

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Project:

The Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program will provide the City of Taunton with support to begin planning for climate change resilience and implementation of priority projects, as the first phase through the Commonwealth (planning grant). Utilizing the State's Community Resilience Building framework, the City will work with the MVP Core Team and the Horsley Witten Group to plan for the workshop, identify and engage stakeholders, perform background research, prepare reference maps and materials, and facilitate community discussions centered on identifying the top 6 – 8 priority recommendations for climate change adaptation and community resilience. Priority recommendations for implementation will be developed based on the strengths and vulnerabilities as determined by invited stakeholders. Actions to enhance these strengths, and/or address vulnerabilities will be developed and become part of the action plan. Once the planning phase of the MVP program is completed, the City of Taunton will become an MVP-Certified community, eligible to apply for implementation funding annually (action grants), through the Commonwealth.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

A hazard mitigation plan should be considered a living document that must grow and adapt, keeping pace with a community's growth and change. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA) places high priority on the continuation of the planning process after the initial submittal, requiring communities to seek and receive re-approval from FEMA in order to remain eligible for assistance. The evaluation, revision and update process is also a means to create an increased institutional awareness and involvement in hazard mitigation as part of daily activities. This Update will expand on the City of Taunton 2004 Natural Hazard Disaster Mitigation Plan. The approach for this Update is premised on four primary methods, all geared towards meeting the requirements of the DMA 2000 Public Law 106-390, October 10, 2000:

- ▶ Planning Process—Outreach and Stakeholder Coordination
- ▶ Assessment—Identifying Hazards and Estimating Losses
- ▶ Mitigation Strategy— Identifying Mitigation Actions and Implementation Strategies
- ▶ Plan Maintenance—Implementation, Evaluation and Revision/Update

